GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:403
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RESERVATION FOR DISABLED UNDER SGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 3% of the total beneficiaries under the Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) will be disabled persons living below the poverty line;

(b) if so, whether the policy is being strictly adhered to;

(c) if not, whether any representations have been received by the Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) the details of districts wherein this percentage of reservation for the disabled persons has not been maintained; and

(f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure that the quota for disabled is honoured?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.403 due for Reply on 21.8.2001

As per the Guidelines of the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), 3% of the total Swarozgaris assisted under the Scheme are to be persons from Below the Poverty Line (BPL), with disability.Twenty-one districts in the country could achieve the target of prescribed coverage of disabled persons under the Scheme during the year, 2000-2001 (List of Districts enclosed at Annexure). The Ministry of Rural Development are not in receipt of any representation in regard to the coverage of disabled persons under the SGSY.

2. The reasons for shortfall in achievement of the target in this behalf include the following :

- Lack of sensitisation towards the problems of the disabled persons by the field level Implementing Agencies;

- Scattered distribution of the disabled population and inability of Implementing Agencies to form their Self-Help Groups (SHGs);

- Difficulty in identification of suitable income generating activities for disabled persons;

- Persons with disabilities are often felt to be non-earning/non- productive ; and

- Difficulty in organising Self Help Groups of persons with different types of disability for taking up income generating activities.

3. All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrationshave again been asked by the Ministry of Rural Development to strive to achieve the targets in respect of disabled persons under the SGSY. Efforts are in hand, including consideration of appropriately relaxing the Guidelines, involvement of NGOs and other institutions (for sensitisation of the Implementing Agencies viz., Government Departments and Banks), formation of SHGs of disabled persons,training and capacity building and identification of suitable income generation activities in order to facilitate higher coverage of disabled persons under the Scheme.

ANNEXURE

NAME OF DISTRICTS WHERE COVERAGE OF DISABLED PERSONS IS MORE THAN 3% DURING 2000-2001

SNO	STATE	DISTRICT
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	NELLORE
2		CHITTOOR

3		NALGONDA
4		SRIKAKULAM
5		WARANGAL
6	ASSAM	BARPETA
7		MANGALDOI (DARRANG)
8	GUJARAT -	KACHCHH
9	HARYANA	MOHINDERGARH
10	HIMACHAL PRADESH	SOLAN
11		SIRMOUR
12	KARNATAKA	DAVANAGERE
13		BIDAR
14	MADHYA PRADESH -	HARDA
15	MIZORAM -	KOLASIB
16	PUNJAB -	BHATINDA
17	RAJASTHAN -	BUNDI
18	TAMILNADU -	SAMBHYAVARAIYAR (Tirunnamalai)
19	UTTAR PRADESH -	KANPUR DEHAT
20		MATHURA
21		KUSHINAGAR (Padrauna)